

**LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:**

1. – 74. (Canceled)

75. (New) A method of activating inactivated mtALDH in a patient who has received nitroglycerin therapy and has become nitroglycerin tolerant comprising administering inactivated mtALDH activating effective amount of agent selected from the group consisting of dihydrolipoic acid, dithiothreitol and tris(2-carboxyethylphosphine).

76. (New) The method of claim 75 where the patient is affected with a disorder selected from the group consisting of angina, restenosis, heart failure, portal hypertension, asthma and rectal spasm.

77. (New) The method of claim 76 where the patient is affected with angina.

78. (New) The method of claim 77 where the agent is dihydrolipoic acid.

79. (New) The method of claim 77 where the agent is dithiothreitol.

80. (New) The method of claim 77 where the agent is tris(2-carboxyethylphosphine).

81. (New) The method of claim 75 where the agent is dihydrolipoic acid.

82. (New) The method of claim 75 where the agent is dithiothreitol.
83. (New) The method of claim 75 where the agent is tris(2-carboxyethylphosphine).